

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (New) A quick change roll-fed high speed labeling system, comprising:

a conveyor for moving articles to be labeled;

an infeed screw assembly for spacing and stabilizing the articles, said infeed screw assembly comprising a feedscrew having a plurality of pockets for receiving and properly spacing successive ones of the articles as they enter said system, and a gear drive for driving said feedscrew, said feedscrew being pivotable both horizontally and vertically;

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a rotatable starwheel assembly having a plurality of spaced pockets for receiving individual ones of the articles therein;

a rotatable vacuum drum assembly; and

a supply of roll fed labels, wherein said labels are dispensed singly onto a label receiving face of said rotatable vacuum drum assembly.

4. (New) The labeling system as recited in Claim 3, and further comprising a jack shaft for driving said feedscrew, wherein said gear drive comprises a right angle gearbox for transferring power to said jack shaft.

5. (New) The labeling system as recited in Claim 4, wherein said gear drive further comprises a geartrain having a first Browning gear, a second Browning idler gear, and a third Browning gear which rotatably drives said feedscrew.

6. (New) The labeling system as recited in Claim 5, wherein said first and third Browning gears are phenolic, and the second Browning idler gear is steel.

7. (New) The labeling system as recited in Claim 3, and further comprising a cradle bar to which said feedscrew is attached, said cradle bar being pivotable both horizontally and vertically.

8. (New) The labeling system as recited in Claim 7, and further comprising a plurality of fixed handles attached to said cradle bar.

9. (New) The labeling system as recited in Claim 7, and further comprising a first set of handles attached to said cradle bar which are disposed through a first arcuate slot, said handles having a tightened configuration wherein they retain the cradle bar in a fixed orientation relative to said first slot, and a loosened configuration, wherein the handles can be moved through said first slot to pivot said cradle bar through a vertical range of motion.

10. (New) The labeling system as recited in Claim 9, and further comprising a second set of handles attached to said cradle bar which are disposed through a second arcuate slot, said handles having a tightened configuration wherein they retain the cradle bar in a fixed orientation relative to said second slot, and a loosened configuration, wherein the handles can be moved through said second slot to pivot said cradle bar through a horizontal range of motion.
